

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-21 were previously pending in the present application. Claims 16 and 17 are hereby cancelled. Claims 11, 18 and 20 are hereby amended. Claims 1, 3-11, 13-15 and 18-21 remain pending as amended. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in light of the aforesaid amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Objection

Claim 16 was objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c). This claim has now been cancelled to obviate the objection.

Claim Rejections

Claims 11 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Jeske *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,684,439) and Gomas (U.S. Pat. No. 6,134,994). Claim 21 was rejected as being obvious in view of the combination of Jeske *et al.* and Lu (U.S. Pat. No. 6,513,198).

Allowed Claims

Claims 1 and 3-10 are allowed.

Allowable Claims

The Office indicates that claims 17-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 11 is hereby amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 17, which is now cancelled. Claims 18 and 20 are hereby amended to depend directly from amended claim 11. Claims 13 and 21 depend directly from amended claim 11. Claims 14 and 15 depending on claim 13 and claim 19 depends from claim 18. Thus, all pending claims 1, 3-11, 13-15 and 18-21 should now be in allowable form. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed necessary for consideration of this response, however, any fees deemed necessary should be charged to Deposit Account 17-0055.

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